every year in relation to the changes in SMP. With effect from 1.10.95 the ex-factory price of levy sugar has been revised vide G.S.R. No. 209 (E) Dt. 14.5.1996. The details are in the attached statement-I and statement-II.

(c) The retail issue price of sugar for Public Distribution System has not been increased. Hence, there is no impact on the consumer.

(d) to (f). Do not arise.

STATEMENT-I

Schedule-I

Prices for delivery into railway wagons (Rupees per Quintal) for all ISS Grades (excluding Excise Duty) in respect of factories specified in Schedule III upto a distance of 5 kms. from the factory.

S.No.	Zone	All Indian Sugar Standards (ISS) Grades of Sugar
1.	Andhra Pradesh	939.30
2.	Assam, Nagaland, Orissa and West Bengal	1041.45
3.	Bihar (North) @	942.26
4.	Bihar (South) @	1036.27
5.	Gujarat (South)	853.71
6.	Gujarat (Saurashtra)	942.50
7.	Haryana	863.13
8.	North-West Karnataka	852.62
9.	Rest of Karnataka	891.23
10.	Kerala, Goa And Coastal Karnataka	933.32
11.	Madhya Pradesh	982.93
12.	Maharashtra (South)	849.25
13.	Maharashtra (North)	874.84
14.	Maharashtra (Central)	825.81
15.	Punjab	872.61
16.	Rajasthan	946.96
17.	Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	938.95
18.	Uttar Pradesh (Central)	882.60
19.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	940.07
20.	Uttar Pradesh (West)	900.19

@ The prices for North and South Bihar Zones are subject to final orders of the Court in respect of Purchase Tax etc. In case any amount is to be realised from the factories inthe aforesaid zones of Bihar, it would have to be refunded by the concerned factories to the Sugar Price Equalisation Fund. Where the Railway Station is beyond 5 kms. from the factory, an additional amount of Rs.0.13 per km. per Quintal of sugar will be paid.

STATEMENT-II

Prices for delivery into Buyer's carts, lorries or other means of transport at the factory gate/factory godown (Rupees per Quintal) for all ISS Grades (excluding Excise Duty) in respect of factories specified in Schedule III upto a distance of 5 kms from the factory.

S.No.	Zone	All Indian Sugar Standards (ISS) Grades of Sugar
1.	Andhra Pradesh	937.73
2.	Assam, Nagaland, Orissa and West Bengal	1039.88
3.	Bihar (North) @	940.69
4.	Bihar (South) @	1034.70
5.	Gujarat (South)	852.14
6.	Gujarat (Saurashtra)	940.93
7.	Haryana	861.50
8.	North-West Karnataka	851.05
9.	Rest of Karnataka	889.66
10.	Kerala, Goa And Coastal Karnataka	931.75
11.	Madhya Pradesh	981.36
12.	Maharashtra (South)	847.68
13.	Maharashtra (North)	873.27
14.	Maharashtra (Central)	824.24
15.	Punjab	871.04
16.	Rajasthan	945.39
17.	Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	937.38
18.	Uttar Pradesh (Central)	881.03
19.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	938.50
20.	Uttar Pradesh (West)	898.62

@ The prices for North and South Bihar Zones are subject to final orders of the Court in respect of Purchase Tax etc. In case any amount is to be realised from the factories in the aforesaid zones of Bihar, it would have to be refunded by the concerned factories to the Sugar Price Equalisation Fund.

Sd/-
(Navin Kumar)
Joint Secretary (Sugar)
(No.2-2/95-SPY (D.II)

* G.S.R. 731(E)/Ess.Com./Sugar Dated 8.11.1995

[English]

Religious Minorities

2459. SHRI E. AHAMED : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total population and the geographical distribution of religious minorities in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government have conducted any study to find out the scoio-economic status of the regligous communities particularly the Muslims;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government are aware that in comparison to other communities the percentage of Muslims in Government services and public undertakings is very low;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) A statement-I is attached.

(b) No such study has been conducted by the Union Government.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). No, Sir. Statement II and Statement-III of religion-wise representation of various communities in the State/UT and Central Police forces are attached.

(f) Govt. have taken several steps for ensuring the proper representation of Minorities, which includes Muslims, in Government services. They are as follows:

(i) The 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities calls for giving special consideration to Minorities in the matters of recruitment in Central and State/UT Governments including Public Sector Undertakings.

(ii) Department of Personnel and Training have issued instructions for nominating a member belonging to the Minority community in Selection Committees/Boards constituted for the purpose of recruitment of ten or more vacancies in respect of Groups 'C' and 'D' services in Central Ministries/Departments including Public Sector Undertakings.

(iii) The Ministry of Welfare monitors the recruitment aspect of the Minorities in Central Ministries/Departments including Public Sector Undertakings on quarterly basis. The Ministry of Home Affairs monitors the recruitment in State/UT Police services.

(iv) Pre-examination Coaching Scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Welfare as well as University Grants Commission for the candidates belonging to backward sections among minorities also, to enable them to compete on equal term with others in respect of tests held for recruitment in public employment.

(v) State/UT Governments were asked to organise physical training programmes for the candidates belonging to minorities to prepare them for recruitment in State/UT police services.

STATEMENT-I

(India's total Population: 816, 169, 666)

State	Total Population	1991 Census - Statewise Figures							
		Hindus	Muslims	Christians	Sikhs	Buddhists	Zoroast	Total Min. population	Total % of Min.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
INDIA								71,84,804	10.80
Andhra Pradesh	66,508,008	59,281,950, (89.14%)	5,923,954 (8.91%)	1,216,348 (1.83%)	21,910 (0.03%)	22,153 (0.03%)	439		
Arunachal Pradesh	864,558	320,212 (37.04%)	11,922 (1.38%)	89,013 (10.29%)	1,205 (0.14%)	111,372 (12.88%)	-	2,13,512	24.70
Assam	22,414,322	15,047,293 (67.13%)	6,373,204 (28.43%)	744,367 (3.32%)	16,492 (60.07%)	64,008 (0.29%)	4	71,98,075	32.11
Bihar	86,374,465	71,193,417 (82.42%)	12,787,985 (14.81%)	843,717 (0.98%)	78,212 (0.09%)	3,518 -	185	1,37,13,617	15.88
Goa	1,169,793	756,621 (64.68%)	61,455 (5.25%)	349,225 (29.86%)	1,087 (0.09%)	240 (0.02%)	47	4,12,054	35.22
Gujarat	41,309,582	36,964,228 (89.48%)	3,606,920 (8.73%)	181,753 (0.44%)	33,044 (0.08%)	11,615 (0.03%)	12,924	38,46,256	9.31
Haryana	16,463,648	14,686,512 (89.21%)	763,775 (4.64%)	15,699 (0.10%)	956,836 (5.81%)	2,058 (0.01%)	-	17,38,368	10.56
Himachal Pradesh	5,170,877	4,958,560 (95.90%)	89,134 (1.72%)	4,435 (0.09%)	52,050 (1.01%)	64,081 (1.24%)	37	2,09,737	4.06
Karnataka	44,977,201	38,432,027 (85.45%)	5,234,023 (11.64%)	859,478 (1.91%)	10,101 (0.02%)	73,012 (0.16%)	568	61,77,182	13.73

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Kerala	29,098,518	16,668,587 (57.28%)	6,788,364 (23.33%)	5,621,510 (19.32%)	2,224 (0.01%)	223	205	1,24,12,526	42.66
Madhya Pradesh	66,181,170	61,412,898 (92.80%)	3,282,800 (4.96%)	426,598 (0.65%)	161,111 (0.24%)	216,667 (0.33%)	92	40,87,260	6.18
Maharashtra	78,937,187	64,033,213 (81.12%)	7,628,755 (9.67%)	885,030 (1.12%)	161,184 (0.21%)	5,040,785 (6.39%)	60,501	1,37,76,255	17.45
Manipur	1,837,149	1,059,470 (57.67%)	133,535 (7.27%)	626,669 (34.11%)	1,301 (0.07%)	711 (0.04%)	-	7,62,216	41.49
Meghalaya	1,774,778	260,306 (14.67%)	61,462 (3.46%)	1,146,092 (64.58%)	2,612 (0.15%)	2,934 (0.16%)	13	12,13,113	68.35
Mizoram	689,756	34,788 (5.05%)	4,538 (0.66%)	591,342 (85.73%)	299 (0.04%)	54,024 (7.83%)	-	6,50,203	94.27
Nagaland	1,209,546	122,473 (10.12%)	20,642 (1.71%)	1,057,940 (87.47%)	732 (0.06%)	581 (0.05%)	-	10,79,895	89.28
Orissa	31,659,736	29,971,257 (94.67%)	577,775 (1.83%)	666,220 (2.10%)	17,296 (0.05%)	9,153 (0.03%)	10	12,70,454	4.01
Punjab	20,281,969	6,989,226 (34.46%)	239,401 (1.18%)	225,163 (1.11%)	12,76,697 (62.95%)	24,930 (0.12%)	30	1,32,57,221	65.36
Rajasthan	44,005,990	39,201,099 (89.08%)	3,535,339 (8.01%)	47,989 (0.11%)	649,174 (1.48%)	4,467 (0.01%)	-	42,26,969	9.61
Sikkim	406,457	277,881 (68.37%)	3,849 (0.95%)	13,413 (3.30%)	375 (0.09%)	110,371 (27.15%)	15	1,28,008	31.49
Tamil Nadu	55,858,946	49,532,052 (88.67%)	3,052,717 (5.47%)	3,179,410 (5.69%)	5,449 (0.01%)	2,128	153	62,39,857	11.17
Tripura	2,757,205	2,384,934 (86.50%	196,495 (7.13%)	46,472 (1.68%)	740 (0.03%)	128,260 (4.65%)	-	3,71,967	13.49
Uttar Pradesh	139,112,287	113,712,829 (81.74%)	24,109,684 (17.33%)	199,575 (0.14%)	675,775 (0.48%)	221,433 (0.16%)	389	2,52,06,856	18.12
West Bengal	68,077,965	50,866,624 (74.72%)	16,075,836 (23.61%)	383,477 (0.56%)	55,392 (0.08%)	203,578 (0.30%)	512	1,67,18,795	24.56
UNION TERRITORIES									
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	280,661	189,521 (67.53%)	21,354 (7.61%)	67,211 (23.95%)	1,350 (0.48%)	322 (0.11%)	3	90,240	32.15
Chandigarh	642,015	486,895 (75.84%)	17,477 (2.72%)	5,030 (0.78%)	130,288 (20.29%)	699 (0.11%)	9	1,53,503	23.91
Dadar & Nagar Haveli	138,477	132,213 (95.48%)	3,341 (2.41%)	2,092 (1.51%)	20 (0.01%)	200 (0.15%)	78	5,731	4.14
Daman & Diu	101,586	89,153 (87.76%)	9,048 (8.91%)	2,904 (2.86%)	101 ((0.01%)	31 (0.03%)	123	12,207	12.02
Delhi	9,420,644	7,882,164 (83.67%)	889,641 (9.44%)	83,152 (0.88%)	455,657 (4.84%)	13,906 (0.15%)	41	14,42,397	15.31
Lakshdweep	51,707	2,337 (4.52%)	48,765 (94.31%)	598 (1.16%)	1 -	1 -	1	49,366	95.47
Pondicherry	807,785	695,981 (86.16%)	52,362 (6.54%)	58,362 (7.23%)	29 -	39 (0.01%)	3	1,11,300	13.78

STATEMENT-II

Statement Showing Representation of Minorities in the Central Police Organisation (Rank-wise And Religion wise)

S. No.	Name of CPO's	Rank-wise Religion-wise	Number Hindus	Muslims	Christian	Sikhs	Others	Total%	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Boarder Security Force (31-12-95)	Gazetted	2214	52	42	294	1	2603	
		Non-Gazetted	158147	8072	3732	6658	257	176866	
		Total	160361	8124	3774	6952	258	179469	10.6

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2.	CI.S.F.	Gazetted	537	16	18	35	1	607	
	(31-12-95)	Non-Gazetted	71392	3436	2463	2869	157	80317	
		Total	71929	3452	2481	2904	158	80924	11.1
3.	C.R.P.F.	Gazetted	1566	81	65	145	3	1860	
	(31-12-95)	Non-Gazetted	142490	8873	4094	5407	229	161093	
		Total	144056	8954	4156	5552	232	162953	11.5
4.	I.T.B.P.	Gazetted	483	7	6	39	6	541	
	(31-12-95)	Non-Gazetted	25965	612	256	1224	307	28304	
		Total	26443	619	262	1263	313	28905	8.2
		Grand Total	402794	21149	10676	16671	961	452251	10.9

STATEMENT-III

Statement Showing The Representation of Minorities in the State Police Force On Point No.8 (Rank-wise And Religion wise)

S.No.	Name of the State/UTs	Hindus	Muslims	Numbers		Others	Total%
				Chrtistain	Sikhs		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Andhra Pradesh (As on 1.4.95)	51449	11438	181	1967	-	65035	20.9
2.	Arunachal Pradesh (31.12.95)	4034	49	14	40	22	4159	3.0
3.	Assam (31.12.95)	38944	4812	43	763	4	44566	12.6
4.	Bihar	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF	NF
5.	Goa (31.3.95)	2675	65	-	346	-	3086	13.4
6.	Gujarat (31.3.95)	55873	3787	141	289	58	60148	7.1
7.	Haryana (30.9.95)	28655	399	1156	27	-	30237	5.2
8.	Himachal Pradesh (30.9.95)	10981	177	194	5	80	11437	4.0
9.	Jammu & Kashmir (31.3.95)	9050	17946	1566	93	2142	30797	70.6
10.	Karnataka (30.6.95)	40308	4308	3	1018	69	45706	11.8
11.	Kerala (30.6.95)	28259	4008	-	6915	-	39182	27.9
12.	Madhya Pradesh (31.12.95)	83621	3639	206	1345	105	88916	5.9
13.	Maharashtra (30.9.95)	130420	7542	89	1204	8	139263	6.3
14.	Mehgalya (1.4.94)	956	179	4	4229	1784	7152	86.6
15.	Manipur (30.9.95)	7802	1082	-	2563	-	11447	31.8
16.	Mizoram (30.9.95)	771	40	40	5750	19	6620	88.3

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
17.	Nagaland (31.3.94)	1721	122	57	639	-	2539	32.2
18.	Orissa (30.3.95)	26915	1718	98	1257	-	29988	10.2
19.	Punjab (31.12.95)	17333	345	50226	478	-	68382	74.6
20.	Rajasthan (30.9.95)	54653	3248	330	33	4	58268	6.2
21.	Sikkim (30.9.95)	2003	2	3	78	832	2918	31.3
22.	Tamil Nadu (30.9.95)	62540	4084	-	7378	76	74078	15.5
23.	Tripura (30.9.95)	9451	287	2	130	86	9956	5.0
24.	Uttar Pradesh (31.12.94)	152903	8543	188	94	-	161728	5.4
25.	West Bengal (30.6.95)	73418	2441	18	236	322	76435	3.9
UNION TERRITORIES								
1.	Andaman & Nicobar (30.9.95)	1709	143	57	685	-	2594	34.1
2.	Chandigarh (30.9.95)	2390	25	1606	24	-	4045	40.9
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli (30.9.95)	223	6	-	-	-	229	2.6
4.	Daman & Diu (30.9.95)	191	6	1	44	-	242	21.0
5.	Delhi (30.9.95)	47014	1450	947	503	3	49917	5.8
6.	Lakshadweep (30.9.95)	143	180	-	13	-	336	57.6
7.	Pondicherry (30.9.95)	1696	68	-	130	-	1894	10.2
	Total	948101	82139	57170	38276	5614	1131300	16.1

Provident Fund

2460. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of Provident Fund collection from the employees and workers all over the country during each of the last three years;

(b) whether any heavy amount out of the above fund has been invested to earn interest;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have received complaints regarding delay in disposal of Prividend Fund cases;

(e) if so, the details thereof: and

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to streamline the procedure in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The total amount of E.P.F. collection from the employers and workers all over the country during 1992-93 to 1994-95 was as given below:

Year	Total P.F. Collection (Rs. in crore)
1992-93	4666.42
1993-94	4954.85
1994-95	5076.89

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The contributions collected but not immediately required for disbursement among the